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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

We, Wei Fan, Chang-Shing Perng, Haixun Wang, Phillip Shi-Lung Yu, in our capacity as applicants and co-inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application, hereby declare as follows.

We have reviewed the article entitled, "Indexing Weighted-Sequences in Large Databases" (See H. Wang, C. Perng, W. Fan, S. Park, P. Yu, Indexing Weighted-Sequences in Large Databases, ICDE'03, March 5/8/2003, pgs 63-74) that was cited in an Office Action mailed on June 19, 2006 in connection with this application.

The subject matter of the article describes solely our own work. While Sanghyun Park is listed as a co-author of the article, he made no inventive contribution to the subject matter in the article, but merely carried out assignments and worked under our supervision and direction while working as a graduate student.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any putents issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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